



Independence House, Inc.

Cape Cod's leading resource, counseling and advocacy center for domestic and sexual violence.

Helping with your journey to live a violence free and empowered life.

Child Witness to Violence Program

Independence House provides specialized services to children ages 6-12 through the "Child Witness to Violence Program".

This program is available for both boys and girls and is free and confidential.

Included in the program:

- counseling services
- advocacy
- crisis intervention
- age appropriate group
- assessments and referrals



The Independence House Child Witness to Violence Program (CWV) is funded by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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Domestic violence affects every member of the family. Children who witness domestic violence experience similar effects as children who are physically abused.

Witnessing can mean seeing incidents of physical abuse or the aftermath of the abuse. It can mean they have heard threats or fighting from another room, or being aware of tension or fear in the household.

Children who witness violence may exhibit separation anxiety, low self-esteem, bed wetting, sleep disturbances, increased aggression, phobias, loss of ability to concentrate, delayed development, depression and/or withdrawal.

Children can also be victimized emotionally, physically or sexually, by people they trust at school, home or other safe places. These people can be adults or other children.

Independence House provides counseling, advocacy, and groups for children affected by intimate partner violence. Providing children with a safe place to express their emotions and process trauma is vital to the healing process.

Independence House also offers

- Teen Program
- Adult Counseling and Group Programs
- Rape crisis Program
- Housing Stabilization
- Legal Advocacy